

Stop treating us  
like garbage.

Recycling  
is good for  
the environment  
and our local  
economy.



Learn what you can do at home.

**All of these can be comingled in your Republic recycling cart.**

**Shrink wrap • Plastic Film • Plastic Grocery Bags**  
**Clean Aluminum Foil • Aluminum • Tin & Steel Cans**  
**Plastic Bottles Marked 1-7 • Glass Jars • Bottles**  
**Cardboard • Boxboard • Brown Paper Bags**  
**Office Paper • Manila Folders (staples are okay)**

**Reduce Reuse Recycle**

# The Full Circle

Current news and helpful tips from Carmel Utilities

## Opt back in to the City trash & curbside recycling program

Not currently on the city trash program but would like to reduce the number of bills you have to pay?

Would you like to take advantage of the convenient payment options such as electronic billing or automatic withdrawal? (Conventional payment methods are also available)

Want to help limit wear and tear on city streets by reducing heavy truck traffic in your neighborhood?

Opt back in to the City trash & curbside recycling program. The monthly charge of \$9.08 will be added to your Carmel Utilities bill.

**For more information or to opt-back in  
please call 571-2673 or  
email [carmeltrash@carmel.in.gov](mailto:carmeltrash@carmel.in.gov)**



By converting to compressed natural gas (CNG) trucks the residents of Carmel and Central Indiana will experience less air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions than with standard waste service trucks.

## New CNG Trucks

Customers of the City of Carmel residential trash program are being served exclusively with compressed natural gas (CNG) trucks. The City of Carmel is the first community in the State of Indiana for Republic Services to be serviced 100% with CNG trucks for standard residential service.

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueled trucks are an environmentally friendly alternative to gasoline or diesel fuel powered vehicles. The benefits of CNG trucks are:

- Natural gas vehicles produce up to 95% less particulate matter than diesel and gasoline-powered models, up to 95% less carbon monoxide emissions and up to 80% less nitrogen oxide emissions. (U.S. Department of Energy)
- Natural gas is found in abundance in North America. Domestic supplies are projected to last 120 years. This reduces America's energy dependence on foreign countries.

The CNG trucks are also equipped with a cage at the top that helps prevent trash and recyclables from blowing around when the carts are being dumped. Because of this cage the opening is smaller than the old trucks. Branches and other long items can no longer stick out the top of the cart and must be cut to fit in the cart. Previously large item pick-up most often was accommodated by the regular trash truck. With the CNG trucks, large item pick-up is handled by a different truck and must be scheduled 48 hours in advance with Republic Services at 917-7300 ext. 0.



## Business Trash & Recycling Service

The features and benefits of the City of Carmel residential trash & recycling program are now available to non-residential businesses and organizations within the City limits of Carmel. It has the same monthly cost (\$9.08) and cart sizes (96 gallon trash & recycling) as the residential program. Pick-up logistic review and pre-approval is required.

**For more information go to [www.carmel.in.gov](http://www.carmel.in.gov), Utilities Department, Trash & Recycling for businesses or call 317-571-2673.**

### For Expedient Service:

**Contact Republic Services at 917-7300 ext. 0 for all:**

- Missed trash & recycling pick-ups
- Requests for additional carts
- Large item pick-up
- Request for cart repairs

**Contact Carmel Utilities at 571-2673 if Republic Services is unresponsive to your request.**

### Holiday Reminder

**Trash collection will not run on the following holidays and service will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week following the holiday.**

**Memorial Day**

**Labor Day**

**July 4th**

**Thanksgiving Day**

**Christmas Day**

**New Years Day**

## Helpful Trash Hints

- Fill your trash cart completely before leaving bagged yard waste outside of the cart.
- If you have just one extra bag of waste, place it on top of your cart instead of to the side. That way the driver does not have to get out of the truck to remove your trash.
- Leave 4 feet of space between all carts. The new CNG trucks can only pick up one cart at a time.



## Lend-A-Bin Recycling bins for your event



Thanks to Carmel Green Initiative and Carmel Dad's Club, Carmel is fortunate to be among cities with a Lend-A-Bin Program available for its residents. Lend-A-Bin is a program where individuals

and organizations are invited to borrow portable recycling bins to facilitate and encourage recycling at their events.

Launched in April 2012, Carmel Green Initiative's Lend-A-Bin program is ready to assist church gatherings, school carnivals, sporting events, and graduation or neighborhood parties with proper disposal of recyclable products. You have seen the Lend-A-Bin's recycling bins at CarmelFest and at Carmel Dad's Club Mark Badger Park as well as other community and private events.

**For more information about the program and to learn how you may borrow recycling bins for your next event visit [www.carmelgreen.org](http://www.carmelgreen.org) or email [bins@carmelgreen.org](mailto:bins@carmelgreen.org).**



## The Rumor Is Untrue!

You DO NOT need to purchase overage tags for your seasonal landscape waste. During the months of April, May, October and November you are allowed 20 extra bags/bundles each week of landscape waste free of charge.

Please make sure your trash cart is completely full before leaving the bags of landscape waste outside of the cart. If you have only one extra bag that does not fit inside the cart, please leave it on the top of the cart.

## By the Numbers

- 22,400 Households serviced
- Approximately 85 % of the households regularly participate in curbside recycling
- Total materials collected since the start of the program January 2012:
  - 30,287 Tons of trash
  - 8,422 Tons of recycling

